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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of April 23, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.